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\$500,000 FIRE; PAHOA MILL BURNS

MIDNIGHT BLAZE IS TERRIFIC

Great Mills and Yards Full of
Costly Ohia Timber Go Up in
Smoke—Origin of Fire Is Not
Yet Known—Industry Dealt
Another of Series of Hard
Blows

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless]
HILO, Jan. 29.—Fire of unknown origin, starting at midnight last night, completely destroyed the Pahoa lumber mill, burned about 4,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber and damaged the home of Manager Sam Johnson. The railway station, it is stated here, was undamaged, and no one was seriously injured. The total loss is estimated roughly at \$500,000.

Starting near the pumps, the flames cut off all opportunity for effective fire-fighting before they were discovered. A number of other buildings are reported to have caught fire from the burning embers carried out by the wind and to have burned to the ground.

HILO, Jan. 29. (Later)—Mill burned, but the house and store are all right. Sam Johnson tired but not even blistered.

F. B. McStocker, secretary of the Hawaiian Development Company, which owned the mill, stated this morning that it carried absolutely no insurance and that whatever damage is done to the lumber or the mill and machinery will be a total loss. He estimates the value of the mill and its machinery alone at about \$60,000 to \$70,000.

It is understood that a large quantity of koa hardwood timber, cut off a distant tract belonging to the Bishop Estate, had just been moved down to the mill for cutting, and it is this which has been consumed the loss will prove enormous.

James B. Castle, president and general manager of the owning company and who is said to be by far the heaviest stockholder, left on the Mauna Kea at 10 o'clock this morning twenty minutes after the first word of the disaster came by wireless from the Big Island. Beyond the statement that the fire, starting at midnight, had destroyed the entire plant, this wireless carried no detailed information. It probably will be a matter of days or weeks before an estimate of the damage to the machinery can be reached.

Harold Castle, son of the company's president and who also is heavily interested in the mill left Honolulu less than an hour before the fearful fire less came. He departed at 9 o'clock this morning on the Mongolia for the coast as a member of the All-Hawaii polo team bound for the series of big games at Coronado and San Mateo.

May Not Rebuild.

Whether the firm will rebuild is a question that may not be determined for several weeks. Mr. McStocker, the secretary, stated this morning that the firm has a large acreage of hardwood timber in various sections throughout the western part of Hawaii, the tract at Pahoa containing approximately 10,000 acres of ohia, which has been the principal product turned out by the mill thus far.

The plant is comparatively young, having been erected and new machinery installed only about three years ago, and Mr. McStocker estimated that there was sufficient timber in that tract to keep the mill busy for two years more. It had been employed principally in turning out ohia railroad ties and flooring and koa house finishings.

As a budding enterprise, a pioneer in the lumbering industry of a territory it is said the Hawaiian Development Company has encountered many vicissitudes, but after a long and arduous uphill struggle was just reaching the point where success seemed in sight. Despite the handicaps, the enterprise held the faith of many in the territory, who believed it could eventually be made a big industry in the islands.

One of those who had most faith in the proposition was J. B. Castle, who his friends estimate, has expended fully \$500,000 from his own pocket in assisting to make it a going concern.

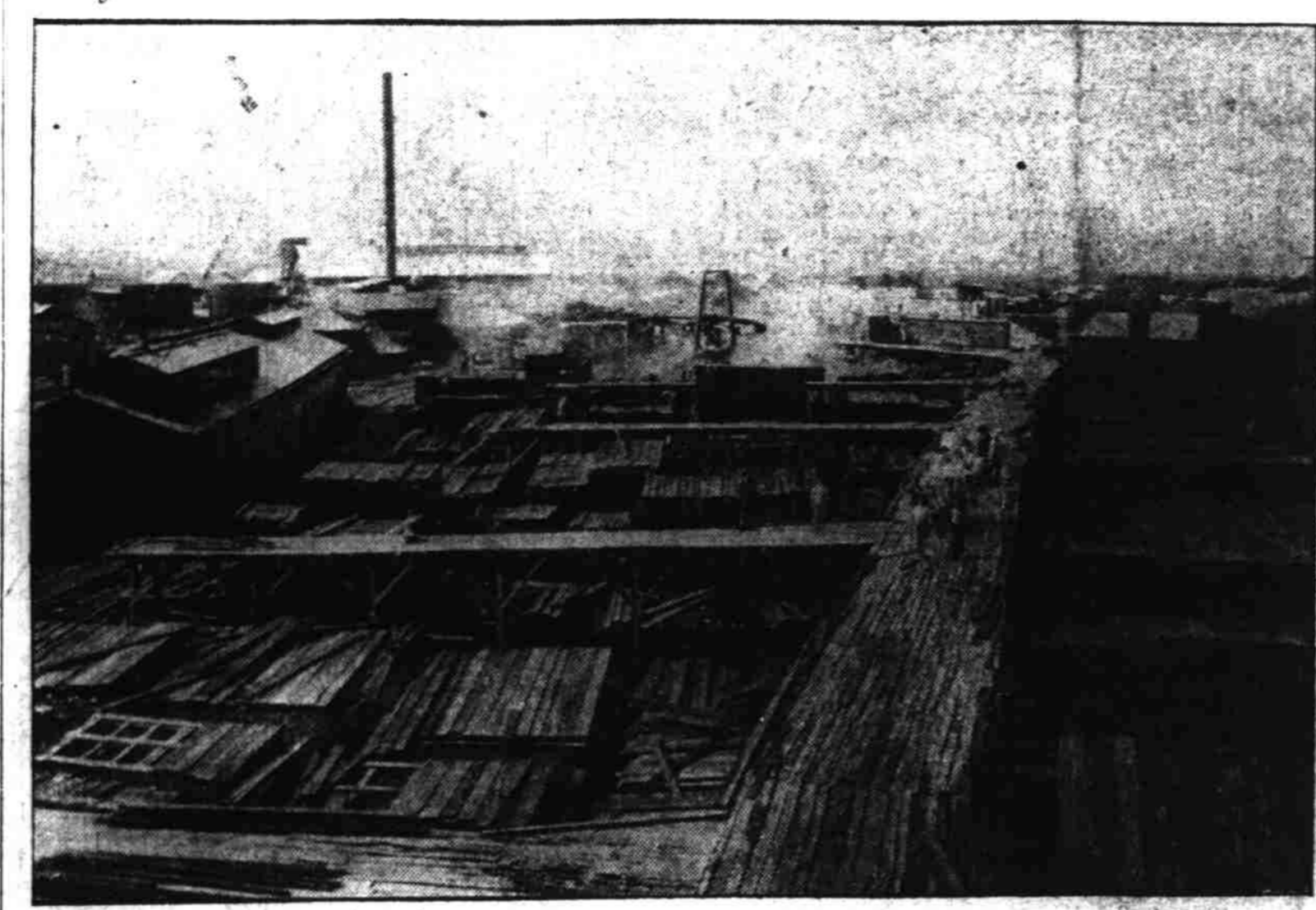
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INTER-ISLAND CO. REFUSES TO GRANT DEMANDS OF CAPTAINS



Pahoa lumber mill, Hawaiian Development Company's mill at Pahoa, Hawaii.

SAYS CITY IS FULL OF PITFALLS

Fred B. Smith in Parting Warns
Against Pleasures and Easy
Life of Honolulu—Points Out
Possibilities for Great Good in
Territory—Thanks All for
Treatment Here

"It is not easy to appraise impressions upon the last day of such a constant campaign as we have been through in Honolulu, and which we are closing today," said Fred B. Smith, leader of the Men and Religion Forward Movement this morning, when asked to give his impression of the week of Christian work which has just been completed in this city. Messrs. Smith and Robins with the members of the National Association Quartet will leave for the Orient on the Manchuria this evening to complete their tour around the world of which Honolulu was the first stopping point.

"We may have better conclusions after we have had a few days of rest and the quiet of the sea," he went on to say. "But some are very vivid as we leave. First, the cordiality of our reception and co-operation which we have received. This can not soon be forgotten. Everything has been done

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IMMIGRATION STATION MAY BE SCENE OF PLOT

Charges that a Japanese woman, a "picture bride" detained at the federal immigration station, had been a snail by an employee of the station, thought to be a night watchman have been the subject of the most vigorous and thorough investigation for several days by Richard L. Halsey, inspector in charge, and his assistants. As a result of the investigation, statements have been made by witnesses which have given rise to a suspicion that the case is part of a sensational plot on the part of Japanese "white slavers" to get revenge for the recent campaign against them made by the federal authorities.

The woman is the case is Nodu, the wife of S. Kato, of Ewa, according to what few details can be learned. She was admitted last Monday. The assault was said by her to have been committed a night or two previous, and the story first came out, it is said among the Japanese, when she told a friend at a Japanese hotel that during a night at the immigration station he had been insulted by a night watchman.

The complaint reached Inspector Halsey and the case was at once put under the probe. This morning evidence was being taken. However, neither Mr. Halsey nor any of his chief assistants will discuss the case. It has been learned that the assault

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CIVIL WAR IN TURKEY

[Special to the Star-Bulletin]
VIENNA, Austria, Jan. 29.—Reports have reached this city through channels believed authentic, that the Turkish army in the lines before Tchatalja has broken out into open mutiny. Abuk Pasha is said to have taken an army corps and to have started toward Constantinople, with the avowed intention of avenging the murder of Nazim Pasha, his warm friend and companion of many years. Abuk Pasha has been commanding the fourth corps, and although the dispatches do not state, it is believed that he has taken his own corps with him. It is known that this corps is largely recruited from the district of which both Abuk Pasha and Nazim Pasha are natives.

The dispatches declare that before breaking away from the main body of the army the corps had a desperate and bloody conflict with the remainder of the troops, in which hundreds were killed.

Moros of Jolo Wound Four Troopers In Fight

[Associated Press]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The war department today received from Manila details of the battle fought with the insurgent Moros of Jolo by a detachment of cavalry. Four members of Troop M of the Eighth horse were seriously wounded by the Bolomen and may die. The fight followed an attack on the constabulary by the Moros, who cut up the local force badly, wounding several of them and, it is reported, killing one.

SUFFRAGETTE LEADERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

LONDON, Jan. 29.—General Drummond and a number of other suffragette leaders who were arrested yesterday for resisting an officer and for destroying property were sentenced today. General Drummond was sentenced to a fortnight in the Brixton and refused to purchase his freedom by the payment of a fine. The other members of his party followed suit and will all spend the same period of time in jail.

APPROVES CLOSED SEASON FOR THE PRIBILOFF SEALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The house committee on fisheries today approved the president's recommendation that the United States declare a close season of five years on the seals that inhabit the Pribiloff Islands. It is probable that the measure providing for this will become a law.

INVESTIGATORS OFF FOR PHILIPPINES

Two of the passengers in the Manchuria today enroute to the Philippines where they will look into the conditions were Bishop Fallows and his son Colonel Edward J. Fallows. The bishop will spend the next two months in the Philippines looking into the educational, social and religious conditions with a view to making a written report when he returns to Chicago.

"I am going to the Philippines to look into the conditions," said the Bishop, "at present there is a battle royal going on in the United States in regard to the Philippine islands. You know there are always some men who oppose the taking on of more territory. Daniel Webster was one of them. I am going there to investigate the conditions—social, educational, penological and religious and will report on them upon my return to Chicago."

RUPTURE OF CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

[Associated Press Cable]
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The delegates from the allied Balkan states today decided to postpone indefinitely the presentation of the note finally rupturing negotiations with the Ottoman.

Private dispatches to authorities here report the serious discontent of the Turkish troops in the lines before Tchatalja. The men, it is said, are refusing to follow the leadership of the Young Turks, and are demanding that Enver Bey be made to pay the penalty of his murder of Nazim Pasha. In the meantime the Powers are rushing all available warships to Constantinople, ostensibly for the purpose of guarding property and lives of Europeans there.

SAM GOMPERS DENOUNCES COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

[Associated Press Cable]
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Speaking before the National Civic Federation, Sam Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today denounced the plan for compulsory industrial arbitration which has been proposed by members of the association. His speech was extremely bitter. He said that the very essence of the idea was abhorrent to the ideas promulgated in the declaration of independence.

When Mr. McKinley visited Chicago and spoke at the great Peace Conference he said "Why don't we let go of the Philippines? Because we can't they are a live wire" the other members of our party are visiting the islands to look into the financial conditions."

While the Bishop is looking into regions and educational matters in the Philippines, his relative, Colonel Edward J. Fallows of New York will look into the financial side of the islands. "While I am in Honolulu and in the Philippines I will look into the pineapple, sugar, hemp, tobacco, rubber and lumber industries—you see I particularly emphasize the lumber," said Colonel Fallows. "I am representing the American-Philippine Company of New York which includes a number

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'MILITARY CANAL' BARON KATO IS IS SEEN BY CARTER NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

Ex-governor, Arrival today,
Emphasizes Strategic Im-
portance of Big Ditch

"Commerce is only an incident in the gigantic scheme for the joining of two oceans by means of the Panama canal," was one of several interesting statements coming from ex-Governor George R. Carter, who is returning to Honolulu after an absence on the mainland, Jamaica and Panama canal zone, covering a period of four months. "In spending four hundred millions of dollars, the United States government has far more reaching plans in view than affording a waterway for merchant marine from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

"The big problem soon to be solved with the opening of the canal within the coming year is the little connecting link between two oceans, thereby permitting the United States to carry out its plan of defense, with a far smaller navy, the canal permitting a quick passage of its fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

Looking the picture of health, and expressing himself as feeling fine and fit, ex-Governor Carter declared this morning that he enjoyed every minute of the trip.

"I spent ten days at the canal zone, but manager to cover a considerable



George R. Carter
Who this morning returned from a prolonged trip during which he visited the Panama canal, the West Indies and parts of the mainland.

area, and was shown every courtesy by the Federal officials.

Carter Studies Health Conditions.
"Panama canal zone is well protected against the invasion of pestilence and infectious disease," admitted Mr. Carter. "They wrestled with the banana-tree problem at Panama, with

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CAPTAIN NELSON LANDS PEARL HARBOR JOB

Captain Richard Nelson, formerly one of the Inter-Island company's skippers, has landed a choice government plum that has been the cause for much local speculation and anticipation. He has been appointed harbor-master and pilot for Pearl Harbor, a position which carries a salary of \$3,000, quarters, and the exclusive use of a powerboat.

Captain Nelson's appointment comes from the secretary of the navy, and is good until revoked by the appointing authority. He is the first man to hold the position at Pearl Harbor, the great naval base of the Pacific having now reached a stage of completion where it is necessary to make regulations for the shipping of the port, and also the services of a pilot thoroughly familiar with the intricacies of the entrance channel.

Comfortable quarters on the naval reservation go with the position, and altogether the billet is considered a most desirable one, and is to be preferred to even the command of one of the Inter-Island "liners." Captain Nelson will take up his new duties in about a month.

STRIKE NOW THOUGHT SURE



Baron Takaaki Kato
New minister of foreign affairs for Japan and man who will deal with the United States.

[Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji]
TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 29.—Baron Takaaki Kato, Japanese ambassador at the Court of St. James, who was recalled following the formation of Prince Katsura's new ministry, arrived here yesterday from London via the Trans-Siberian railway.

Immediately on his arrival in Japan's capital Baron Kato was formally appointed minister of foreign affairs which he accepted. His installation ceremony at the Imperial palace today was a solemn and impressive affair.

Baron Kato was born at Nagoya in 1869. After graduation from the law college of the Imperial University he entered the Mitsubishi and became the favorite of the late Yataro Iwasaki, whose daughter he married. Kato next served in the foreign and finance offices, and when Prince Ito formed his cabinet in 1900, Kato was appointed foreign minister. On the formation of the Saloni cabinet in 1906 he again became foreign minister. Baron Kato was opposed to the nationalization of the railways and resigned his office. Subsequently he was appointed ambassador to Great Britain.

COPRA & PEARLS NOW SOUGHT AT FANNING

With a view of exploiting the south sea islands in the interest of copra, pearl, fisheries and kindred industries, the British corporation in which C. N. and F. P. Armstrong of London, Eng., are heavily interested will inaugurate an aggressive policy in the conduct of affairs at Fanning and Washington islands, according to the brief plan as outlined by Mr. Richard M. Fitt, the newly appointed manager of the company, who reached Honolulu today as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria.

"I am delighted to learn that the steamer Kestrel reached port," declared Mr. Fitt, as he glanced over the rail of the Manchuria as the big vessel steamed to a place at Alakea wharf, and for the first time viewed the new possession then moored at the Richards street wharf.

"We hope to build up a profitable trade between the south seas and Honolulu," predicted Mr. Fitt. "Until I receive my cables and late mail I am unable to state definitely just when I shall depart for Fanning Island. Mr. Fitt was unprepared to state whether the company whom he is to represent on Fanning and Washington islands, possessed serious intentions of acquiring Christmas and other outlying islands as well.

Mr. Fitt intimated that the company expected the arrival of a powerful sea-going launch. The purpose of this vessel is to cover the distance between Fanning and Washington islands, and permit the Kestrel remaining at an anchorage at Fanning.

Mr. Fitt was much pleased to learn of the constant increase in the price paid at the San Francisco and London markets for copra, the chief product in the island states.

The Kestrel is coaled and provisioned for the trip. According to Mr. Fitt, the vessel is believed to possess

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Skippers Receive News of Corporation's Action Silently and Decline to Discuss Further Plans Until Meeting of Harbor Can Be Called—"We Shall Know What to Do" Is Statement of Judge Humphreys, and Attorney Ashford, Counsel for the Masters and Pilots

Presenting its side without mincing words, the Inter-Island company, shortly after noon today, returned to the counsel for the local Harbor of the Masters and Pilots association the answer to the demands made in a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Harbor. These demands were to the general effect that the company enter into an agreement whereby the Harbor would have a certain say in the dismissal of its members from the employ of the corporation. The reply of the company was a flat refusal to grant such a request or to enter into such an agreement, but the letter in which the refusal was conveyed to the Harbor wound up with the statement that if the captains care to do so, the company will meet and confer with any committee they may wish to appoint. In spite of this insiders believe that a strike is now certain.

Without committing themselves in any way the members of the special committee appointed by the Harbor intimated that they regarded a walk-out as practically assured.

Speaking for the Harbor, Judge Humphreys, who with Attorney Ashford has been conducting the fight for the masters said:

"NOW KNOW WHAT TO DO"
"We have had our answer and we are now in a position to know what to do. You may use that phrase and the public may with confidence accept all that it implies under the circumstances."

"We have met the enemy and for the time being only, we are his," said Mr. Ashford, with a grin of delight at the prospect of a fight.

"We are unable to make any statement as yet, what our plans will have to be," said Captain Tullett, chairman of the committee, which has charge of handling the situation for the harbor. "I can not even say that we shall take advantage of the company's offer to meet us in conference. If the committee meets with representatives of the directors, it will be the existing committee, I should say."

"NO," he added, "I can not venture any sort of a prediction as to what the outcome will be. The company turns us down with a lot of specious reasons. It is up to the harbor to act."

Vice-President McLean, of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, seen just after the framing of the letter, said:

"There is really nothing to be said for the company that is not contained in the letter. We think our position unassailable."

The letter of the company follows: "January 29, 1913.
"Honolulu Harbor, No. 54, care Messrs. A. Tullett, M. O'neal and O. W. Olson, Com., and Messrs. A. S. Humphreys and C. W. Ashford, Counsel, Honolulu."

"Gentlemen:—The board of directors of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., at a meeting specially called for the purpose, has given most careful consideration to the communication of your committee, dated January 27, 1913, and addressed to us by authority of a resolution adopted by your Harbor on that date.

"In that letter and resolution you request us to enter into an agreement with your Harbor and with its present and future members during the life of such proposed agreement to the effect that no member of your Harbor shall against his will be dismissed from employment by this company unless (1) by order of the United States inspectors empowered to act in the premises; (2) the party sought to be dismissed shall admit the justice of his dismissal; or (3) such dismissal shall be approved by arbitrators, one of whom shall be appointed by the Harbor, one by this company, and the third in such manner as might be provided in such proposed agreement.

"The communication referred to practically constitutes a demand that the company be compelled to keep in its employment masters and mates.

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